



Cubans and Cuban-Americans gathered at La Carreta in Miami, Florida on Saturday to celebrate after learning the news that Fidel Castro had passed away late Friday night. Some celebrated the death of the former president of Cuba while others instead celebrated the end of an oppressive era and looked forward to a brighter future for Cuba.

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IN SHORT

Pre-registration for IAP and spring 2017 opens today on WebSIS.

IAP PE registration periods are Weds., Nov. 30 at 8 a.m. - Weds., Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. for undergraduates and Tues., Dec. 6 at 8 a.m. - Weds., Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. for graduate students.

Recipients of an MIT parking ticket this past year can donate new, unopened toys to the Parking and Transportation Office instead of paying the fine. The value of the toy or game must be of equal or greater

value than the parking violation, and must be brought along with the parking violation and the toy's receipt to Room W20-022 by Fri., Dec. 9.

Due to construction in Kendall Square, the UA Campus Planning Committee has relocated food trucks in that area to the following locations: between E14 & E23, between Buildings 56 & 66, and between Buildings 14 & 50. Food trucks will rotate locations on a weekly basis.

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UA to sponsor annual tree-lighting event for the first time this year

Tech Twinkles will deck the residence halls with lights and provide desserts at event

By Patrick Wahl
STAFF REPORTER

The Undergraduate Association Events Committee will host the Tech Twinkles ceremony in the lobby of Kresge Auditorium today, kicking off the holiday-themed lighting of trees and living spaces around the MIT campus.

This is the third year Tech Twin-

kles will light up trees on campus, but the first that it will do so partnered with UA Events, making it one of only three events sponsored by the committee, the others being FallFest and SpringFest.

Tech Twinkles, with funding from the Division of Student Life, strung lights on the trees outlining

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By Vivian Zhong

NEWS EDITOR

A total of 458 MIT faculty members, as of yesterday afternoon, have signed a statement opposing President-elect Donald Trump's cabinet appointments and reaffirming their dedication to "principles at the core of MIT's mission."

The statement denounces discrimination, promotes open communication, and asserts the need to respect the scientific method. Signatories include four out of the ten Nobel Prize winners currently part of the MIT faculty, as well as author Junot Diaz and Affordable Care Act architect Jonathan Gruber.

The faculty statement was largely initiated and authored by members of the Brain and Cognitive Sciences

department, including professors Nancy Kanwisher and Robert Levy, along with Sarah Schwettmann G and Rosa Lafer-Sousa G, whom *The Tech* interviewed at the Solidarity Rally last Monday.

The statement was first posted Nov. 21, the same day that a statement in support of undocumented immigrant students signed by hundreds of university presidents, including President Rafael Reif, went public.

"We first conceived of the statement starting about a week after the election," Levy wrote in an email to *The Tech*. "This discussion got us thinking more broadly about the threat that certain campaign promises and administrative ap-

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Seniors boycott the Senior Gift in protest of admin decisions

It's not about the money; protesters say they intend it to send a message about poor communication on key issues

By Anshula Gandhi
STAFF REPORTER

A rising number of seniors are pledging not to give to Senior Gift in protest of administrative actions which include the Senior House moratorium on accepting freshmen.

"We've seen the administration make a lot of far-reaching decisions without consulting students during our time here," boycott initiator Marcus Boorstin '17 wrote in an email to his peers, citing the shutdown of Bexley Hall, changes in dorm security, and the ban on freshmen in Senior House.

Every year, seniors are asked to contribute to "Senior Gift" - a

donation to MIT. Boorstin hopes to "send a signal that something is seriously wrong" by lowering the percentage of seniors who donate this year.

"I think the boycott's greatest impact will be the future loss of alumni giving for both financial and image reasons," Boorstin explained. "Older alumni donate increasingly more money, and I think that the Class of 2017 starting out with a significantly lower participation rate would be a bad sign for future giving, where the amounts are significant, if the administration does not change its behavior."

Some students have argued that not donating to MIT will hurt

MIT students more than it will help. But boycotters are quick to point out that money from the senior gift is not a significant portion of MIT's funding.

"It's not the actual donation that matters," Lillian Chin '17, another participant in the boycott, said in an interview with *The Tech*. "Consider that the minimum pledge is \$5 for the Senior Gift. If everyone in the class gave, only \$5500 would be raised. Even if this was matched 5 times, that's still only \$25k, which is less than a semester's worth of tuition."

"The operating budget for MIT is in the billions. So this is not

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IAP Intro to Python replaced with new course

One of IAP's most popular courses, 6.149: Introduction to Programming Using Python, will not be offered this January. It will be replaced by a new course, 6.S080: A Brief Introduction to Programming in Python.

Similar to 6.149, the new course is meant for students with

little to no prior experience with programming. Unlike 6.149, the new course will not be student-taught. According to Audrey E. Resutek, communications officer for the EECS department, this change was motivated by the programming skills requirement in the new curriculum the

Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science launched at the beginning of this semester.

In addition to 6.S080, students can take either 6.S08 or 6.01 to fulfill the new requirement.

—Rose Wang

WEATHER

Departing low will give way to mostly clear skies

By Costa Christopoulos
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

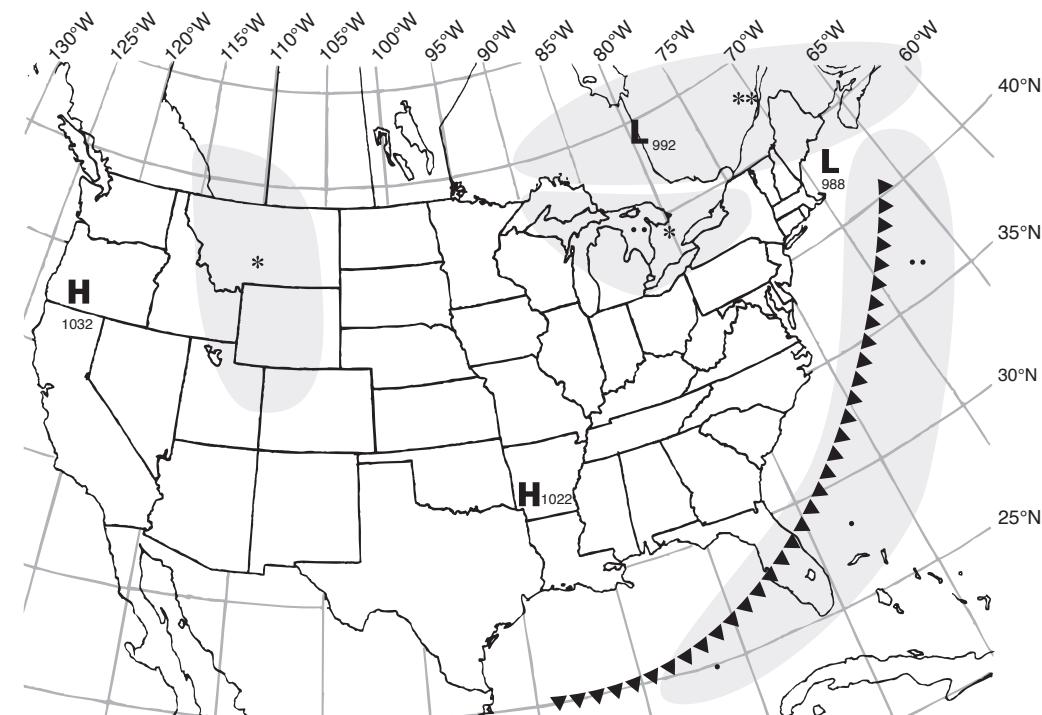
Cool air and clear skies will follow behind the departing front that brought widespread rainfall to Boston last night. Today, cloudy skies will stick around before being shunted out by drier air this evening. The weather remains amicable this weekend, with clear skies and highs in the mid 40s°F.

The Boston area remains in a severe drought, joining over 31% of the lower 48 states with notable rainfall deficits. This year will likely be one of the warmest on record both nationally and globally, and the prolonged heat has exacerbated

drought conditions across the US. Over 10% of the nation is experiencing an extreme or exceptional drought, characterized by major crop losses and water shortages. This week's forest fires in Tennessee are a reminder that widespread drought has been associated with a large range of adverse consequences this year, especially across the southeast and west coast. In California, the US Forest Service has estimated over 62 million tree deaths this year, representing the largest die-off in modern state history. While most of us tend to hope for clear, sunny skies, many drought-ravaged portions of the US could really use some more rainfall.

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy and clearing. High of 54°F (12°C). Winds west at 10 mph, gusting to 20 mph.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Low of 36°F (2°C). Winds west at 10 mph.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. High of 47°F (8°C). Winds west at 10 mph.
Saturday: Partly cloudy. High of 43°F (6°C).
Sunday: Sunny. High of 42°F (6°C).F



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, December 1, 2016

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Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and *The Tech*

MIT trip to DC planned to protest at inauguration

SHASS overrepresented among the signatories, but the letter is still being circulated

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pointments pose not only to these students but to the core values of our community and institution."

He added, "it got us thinking about the role that faculty at MIT... have to play in defending these values for the sake of our educational institutions and for society at large. This led to the idea of a formal statement of values."

The letter, according to Schwettmann, was crafted after the cabinet appointments cited in the statement were made public.

Levy hopes that this statement will help establish "a precedent for university faculty across the country to continue to speak out strongly for the importance of science in public policy, and to stand up for diversity, inclusivity, and mutual respect in our educational institutions and in society at large."

The statement is "not a declaration of partisan affiliation, and it's not a request for any particular administrative policy change," Schwettmann said.

For Schwettmann, this letter is also a part of a movement to "lift local successful efforts to a procedural level for replication elsewhere" — to spread the movement.

Asked how the letter was initially shared with fellow faculty, Kanwisher replied, "we emailed individual faculty we knew or who we thought might be interested. I sent no group emails other than to the faculty in my own department."

"Part of the beauty of this statement lies in the fact that it really gained ground from the bottom up," Schwettmann added, explaining why they did not email the statement to the entire faculty. "We didn't want to pressure anyone to sign, or imply that the statement

was representative of all of MIT." In addition, she said, they didn't have the authority to email the all-faculty mailing list.

"I suspect there are still many faculty who do not yet know about it," Kanwisher added. "The number of faculty signers continues to grow every day." Indeed, the number of signatories increased dramatically in the last few days as outside news organizations featured the faculty message and word of it spread.

Kanwisher hopes that the statement will reassure MIT students of faculty support and campus safety. She proposed that the list of signatories can help MIT community members interested in improving scientific outreach find "kindred spirits."

Asked if she has received any replies of dissent from colleagues, Kanwisher replied that she believes most faculty members support the spirit of the statement. "Several

people who agree with the spirit of the statement took issue with a particular word or phrase," she noted. "This is normal; we academics are picky, and we are not in the habit of signing a statement someone else wrote."

The statement has been featured in articles by the *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Magazine*, and *Breitbart News*. While the press release for the faculty message focused on the angle of standing by MIT's values, the outside press headlined its opposition to Trump's cabinet decisions. *Breitbart* zeroed in on the authors' criticism of Steve Bannon, previous Executive Chairman of *Breitbart* and current chief to Trump.

About 25 percent of MIT faculty have now signed the statement. SHASS, which comprises 17 percent of MIT faculty, represents a disproportionately large percentage of the

signatories at about 22 percent. The School of Engineering is underrepresented, with also about 22 percent of signatories, but comprising 37 percent of total faculty. These differences may be a result of the thus far uneven dissemination of the statement across departments.

The authors opened the statement to all MIT community members yesterday at 2:30 p.m. According to Schwettmann, there had been discussion with the undergraduate hosts of last week's rally on the pros and cons of writing separate statements. They eventually decided to combine efforts after witnessing the impressive movement behind the faculty statement.

Schwettmann and others are organizing an MIT trip to Washington, D.C. to demonstrate during the inauguration of President-elect Trump.

The statement can be read and signed at mitvalues.org.

UA President Liu discourages boycott, Barnhart invites students to converse with administration

Senior House, dorm security & RLADs cited as issues that continue to draw students' ire

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making a difference," Chin said.

So if a boycott doesn't impact MIT funding, why participate?

"If you're not happy with the direction of MIT, you shouldn't do-nate," Chin said.

Boycotters hope a sudden dip in the percentage of donating seniors would cause influential alumni, and through them the administration, to take notice. Senior gift donations have been steadily increasing since 2005.

A successful boycott would not only result in a drop in senior gift donations. It would also entail making both students and admin-

istrators more aware of issues surrounding MIT student-administration conflict.

"Even the fact that there is a discussion means that [the boycott] is kind of succeeding," Chin said.

Another argument raised against the boycott is that it will further aggravate student-administrator relations.

"Multiple points of advocacy are key," Chin countered. "Boycotts happen because there aren't channels of communication with the administration."

Chin, as chair of the Student-Administration Collaboration Committee of the Undergraduate

Association, was especially careful to consider the effect of the boycott on student-admin relations.

In a post to the MIT Class of 2017 Facebook group, UA President Sophia Liu '17 encouraged classmates to learn about "learn more about the Senior Gift and what it does for the MIT community."

"After spending my MIT experience working to advocate for students, I've found that there are so many layers to every issue," Liu wrote. "There are ways to make a point without negatively impacting student groups, and making a positive statement is so much more powerful."

The post sparked a heated back-

and-forth between seniors in the comment section. Controversial decisions made by MIT brought up in the debate included dorm security and RLADs, in addition to issues surrounding Senior Haus.

Barnhart invited students to converse with the administration. "They are welcome to talk to me or any other member of the Turnaround Team to learn more about the good work Senior House residents and the administration, along with staff and faculty, have been doing since September," she wrote in an email to *The Tech*.

"I appreciate the concerns of the students involved, and believe that they have a right to voice their

concerns in this way," Barnhart said.

Lydia Snover, director of Institutional Research at MIT, disagreed with the boycotters.

"Personally, I don't think boycotts are very effective," Snover wrote in an email to *The Tech*.

Snover said that she did not have insight on whether the senior gift was important in terms of influencing more significant donations in the future.

Boorstin encouraged boycotters to use their money to instead donate to other organizations, including Planned Parenthood, the Drew Esquivel memorial fund, and Camp Kesem.



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GUEST COLUMN

Threats to science and what MIT can do

Science policy under President-elect Trump

By Brian Tom

The Climate Action Plan (CAP) released last year made the controversial decision not to divest in fossil fuel companies in favor of "engagement with industry and government." Members of the MIT community such as Patrick Moran have openly criticized this decision because it "wrongly assesses the problem" and does nothing to change the political will among the leaders in government.

This criticism, voiced before the results of the election, is more relevant than ever now. While politicians have long misinterpreted or undervalued science, Donald Trump will be the first president to completely disregard data and blatantly devalue expert judgment. If the MIT administration wants to justify its decision to engage in its fight against climate change, then this is the opportune moment to do it.

The issues, however, are far broader than climate change. Trump's policy proposals and his political appointments have very tangible impacts on the everyday operations at MIT and the implications of the research that we perform. Analysts predict that Trump's tax plan, accompanied with his proposed spending increases in infrastructure and military, will increase the spending deficit by at least \$4 trillion over the next decade. Maintaining this kind of spending is impossible without budget cuts in other agencies. With the largest expenditures like Social Security and Medicare protected by law, this means that discretionary funding like funding for science are the most at risk.

While it is doubtful that Trump will achieve anything near the spending levels that he proposes, the general direction that the administration intends to lead the country toward is clear: science that does not support the national agenda of eco-

nomic growth will face severe cuts in federal funding. Funding cuts in many divisions of science, especially in Earth Sciences, may become crippling over the next four years. Even prior to this past election, the Republican Party has long sought to shift the focus of our satellites away from Earth and back to space. For the past three years, Congress has repeatedly underfunded NASA projects that are pivotal to our understanding of Earth's systems and overfunded projects for space exploration by as much as eight times their requested budget. With a government fully controlled by Republicans, support for Earth Science could fall to an unprecedented low.

Scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Science say that the proposed cuts to Earth Science will be a "major setback if not devastating." Indeed, NASA's Earth Science division plays an important role in monitoring changes on Earth that threaten our national food and water supplies and alert us to collapsing ecosystems that would be very difficult to detect without satellite assistance. Ultimately, space exploration should be seen as a luxury.

Accompanied by the shifting of national science priorities, President-elect Trump has promised to wage an all-out war against regulation: within the first 100 days, he plans on revoking the Clean Power Plan, dismantling the EPA, and canceling the Paris Climate Agreement to name a few. Precedents to this kind of anti-science leadership can be found in Canada when it was led by Stephen Harper. Harper's policies to deregulate the market and to silence researchers from speaking about their expertise led the Washington-based Center for Global Development to rank Canada as the worst among 27 developed nations in terms of environmental protection. Under Trump's administration, we are likely to move on a similar path.

The appointment of climate-change

skeptic Myron Ebell to the head of the EPA and Trump's call to defund the Earth Science department inside of NASA are more than just political maneuvers. They are direct attacks on the dissemination of scientific knowledge — a core value that MIT has sworn to defend as part of its mission to the world.

By cutting funding to the regulatory agencies that monitor the health of our ecosystems and our planet, Trump is attempting to usher in a new era of politics that is unobstructed by data or expertise. Without guidance, regulatory decisions that endanger our ecosystems as well as our planet will be made based on power rather than on prudence. We cannot stand by this kind of recklessness. The consequences to our air, land, and water will reverberate far into the future.

While universities should strive to be non-partisan, these are exceptional circumstances that justify the violation of neutrality. As an institute of science and technology, we have a moral obligation to speak out and fight back when tangible threats are made against the core of our identity: scientific progress.

If the MIT administration is sincere in its attempt to use engagement with industry and government to defend against climate change and to defend our core values, I call upon the administration to leverage its ties with government and industry to take tangible action against the appointment of Myron Ebell. Our administration should furthermore strive to personally educate President-elect Trump and Mike Pence on the value of scientific diversity and on the importance of selecting a non-partisan science advisor who is thoroughly educated in both science and science policy.

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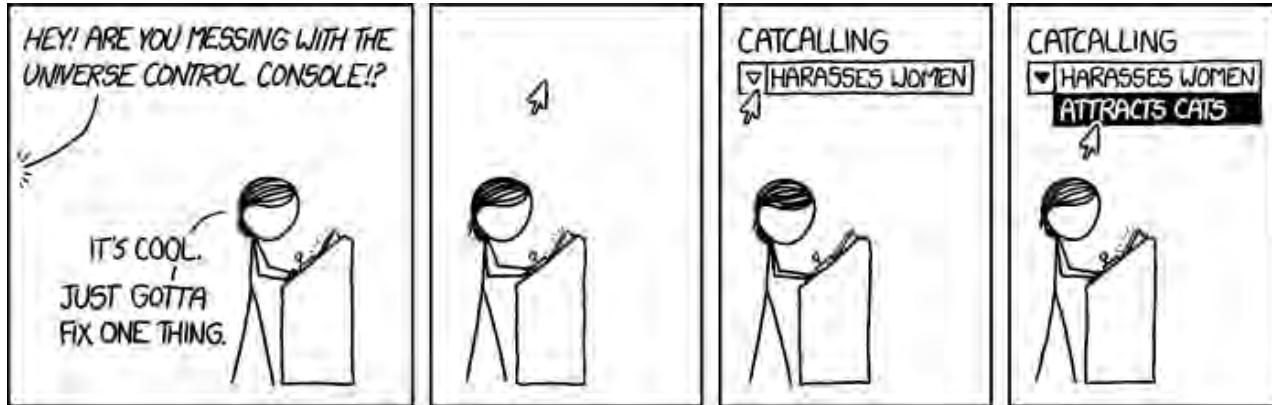
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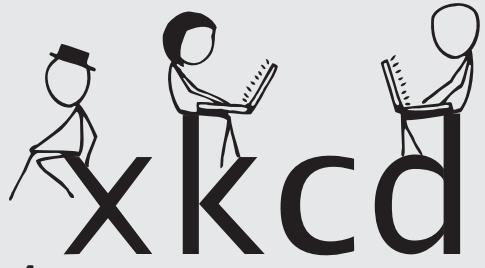
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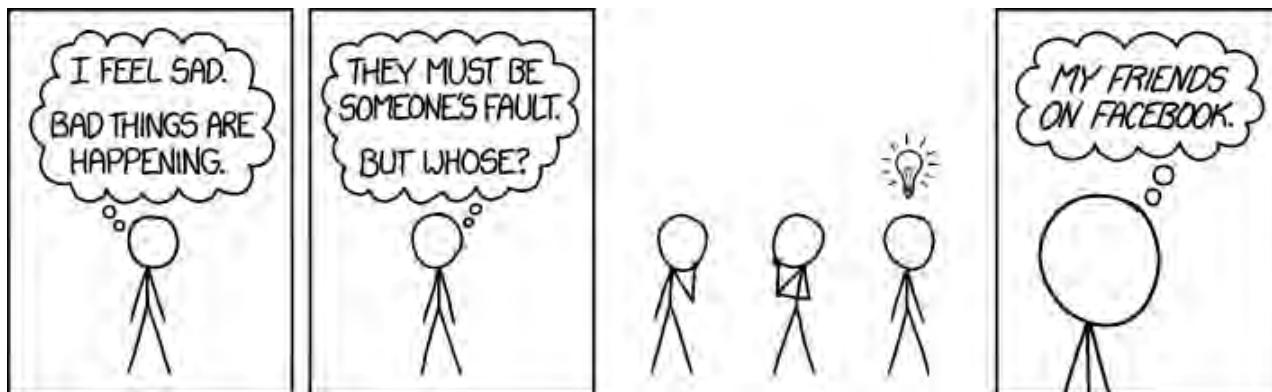
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**A WEBCOMIC OF ROMANCE,
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[1761] Blame



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A Partridge

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A partially filled 9x9 Sudoku grid. The visible numbers are:

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

In a Pear Tree

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MOVIE REVIEW

Moana is a delightful new breed of empowering Disney princess movie

A heart-warming, smile-inducing, toe-tapping romp across the open waters



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Moana follows its titular character on both a literal and figurative journey of self-discovery.

Moana

**Directed by John Musker,
Ron Clements**

**Starring Auli'i Cravalho,
Dwayne Johnson,
Rachel House, Temuera
Morrison, Jemaine
Clement, Nicole
Scherzinger, Alan Tudyk**

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Now Playing

By Krystal Lai
STAFF WRITER

The recipe for a hit Disney animated film is no trade secret. Start with a strong, young female protagonist (usually a princess), and a trusty animal sidekick, sprinkle in a generous dose of family-friendly humor, throw in an internal conflict that is cleverly mirrored in an external struggle, add a deli-

ciously theatrical villain, round it out with a collection of toe-tapping songs, and garnish with a few sprigs of magic and messages of self-empowerment. However, Disney has sustained quite a bit of flak over the years for propagating racist, sexist, or generally non-inclusive undertones in some of their older films. With *Moana*, they have done an astounding job of subverting these criticisms while still maintaining the fun spark that makes Disney movies so universally beloved.

Moana follows its titular 16 year-old character Moana (Auli'i Cravalho) as she struggles to come to terms with her ever-present yearning for the open waters and her responsibility as the next chieftain to stay behind with her people. In the opening scenes, the legends of Oceania are unraveled for viewers via a mesmerizing sequence of animated paper cuts that tell the tale of how shape-shifting demi-god Maui (Dwayne Johnson) once stole the heart of Te Fiti, the mother island. The ensuing darkness that sweeps across the waters threatens the well-being of the many islanders who call the Pacific Ocean home. To save her people, Moana sets sail to find Maui and force him to return the heart of Te Fiti back to its rightful place.

Like any good Disney movie worth its salt, *Moana* tethers its lighthearted comedy and rousing action to a central, uplifting

theme. This time around, it's self-discovery. Paralleled by her physical voyage across uncharted waters and the real world obstacles she must overcome, Moana is faced with an internal journey where she questions not only her heritage, but also her sense of self. It's ultimately an uplifting message that will resonate not only with teens and children, Disney's primary target demographic, but with anyone who has ever questioned themselves or their direction in life.

Along the way, Moana and Maui come face to face with tiny pirate coconuts, a sparkly, self-absorbed crustacean named Tama-toa (Jemaine Clement), and a flaming lava demon, among other things. Though Tama-toa certainly steals the show with the oddly catchy 1970s glam rock number "Shiny," *Moana* strays from the traditional one-villain structure and instead opts for a trio of distinctly different baddies. The good guys, too, are memorable in their own ways. Johnson successfully imbues the arrogant and sometimes oblivious demi-god Maui with a vulnerability and likeability that gives his character a heartwarming depth. Gramma Tala (Rachel House) is the self-proclaimed crazy village lady, and she plays the classic wise elder role with comedic aplomb, à la Grandmother Fa from *Mulan* or Rafiki from *The Lion King*. The dark horse contender for best character, however, is Heihei (Alan Tudyk). Moana's mute, cross-eyed chicken

who accompanies her on her adventures. The colorful fowl draws raucous laughter from moviegoers with each increasingly absurd act, among which include attempting to eat rocks and walking into walls over and over again. It's a slapstick physical comedy routine that works wonders in small doses, but towards the end of the film, some might find it a little repetitive.

Perhaps most impressive of all is the sumptuous audiovisual landscape into which the audience is immediately immersed. The animations are absolutely stunning with a painstaking attention to detail, from the grains of sand to the swirls of ocean water to the way that the sunlight glints off dewy leaves. Vibrant colors and cinematic pans of sweeping tropical scenery create the perfect backdrop to the equally engrossing characters and plot. Of course, music and spontaneous song breaks are also crucial ingredients in any Disney film, and *Moana* delivers on that front too with a genre-diverse collection of songs composed by Opetaia Foa'i, Mark Mancina, and Lin-Manuel Miranda of *Hamilton* fame.

Whether or not you are already a Disney fan, *Moana* is a fresh adventure with heart and humor that can't be missed. And don't be surprised if you leave the theater with an enormous grin and a melody or two stuck in your head.

Event joins SpringFest, FallFest as official UA-sponsored festivities

A capella groups will provide music while MindHandHeart will provide free mugs

Tech Twinkle, from Page 1

the pathway between the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center and Kresge Oval between Nov. 28 and 30. In addition, this year it received funding from the Baker Foundation to purchase and distribute lights and extension cords to the campus dormitories.

The lighting celebration, which will take place at 7 p.m., is sponsored by UA Events and will include desserts, performances by the Logarithms, Resonance, and Roadkill Buffet, as well as free mugs sponsored by MindHandHeart.

Tech Twinkles was conceived by Teresa de Figueiredo '17, Veronika Jedryka '17, and Jane He '15, who first lit the trees outside the Zesiger Center with support from the DSL in December 2014. De Figueiredo was inspired by the trees that line Newbury Street in Boston, which are lit during the holiday season.

The goals of the project are to bring the MIT community together and make MIT a more welcoming place during the winter, de Figueiredo and Jedryka said in an interview with *The Tech*. "Really we're just looking to brighten people's spirits," Jedryka said. "We know it gets so tough here."

Though the event has grown considerably in scale since its inception, de Figueiredo and Jedryka are still heavily involved in its execution, and have worked closely with UA Events

since their organization joined forces with the committee. Jane He now works in Washington, D.C., but de Figueiredo and Jedryka said that she still advises them on the project.

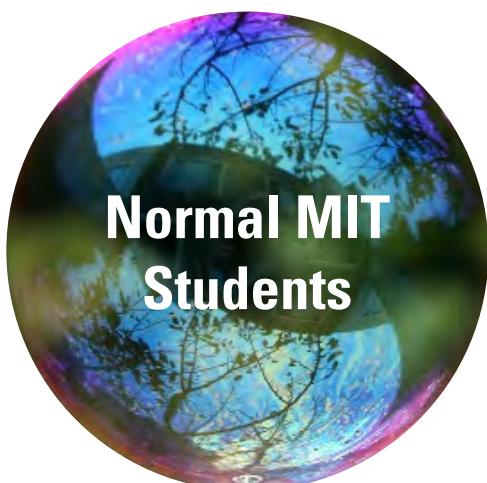
"You can count on them to get everything done," Ann Quan '20, the UA Events member who handled much of the publicity for Tech Twinkles, told *The Tech*. "They're communicating with the DSL, they're running around and providing us with past contacts, and also... helping with the actual logistics."

Likewise, de Figueiredo and Jedryka expressed enthusiasm about working with UA Events. "We do want to have them completely run [Tech Twinkles] next year," de Figueiredo said. The two founders helped run other UA-sponsored events, like the October study break, earlier in the year, and began delegating the responsibilities associated with Tech Twinkles to other UA Events members, working to integrate their groups.

The professional lighting near the Zesiger Center was strung by Currier Landscaping, the same company that provides holiday decoration services for Copley Square and President L. Rafael Reif's home.

The organizers did not know how long the lights will stay on the trees, but said they were expecting to keep them up through the darkest parts of the winter. "We're envisioning at least till [the] end of February," Jedryka said.

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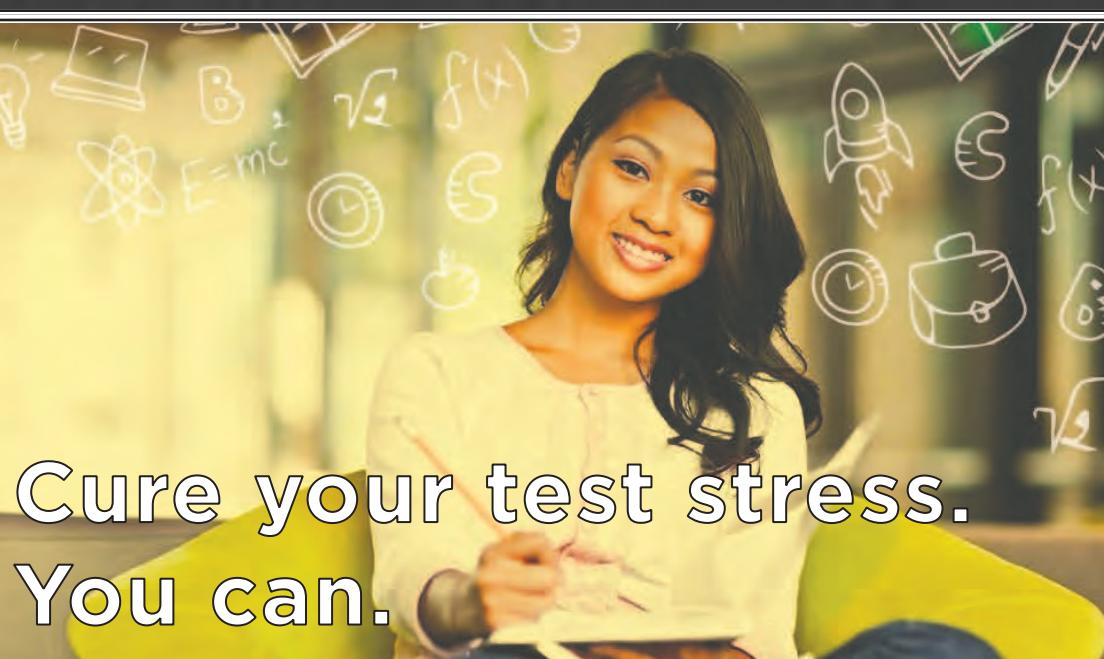
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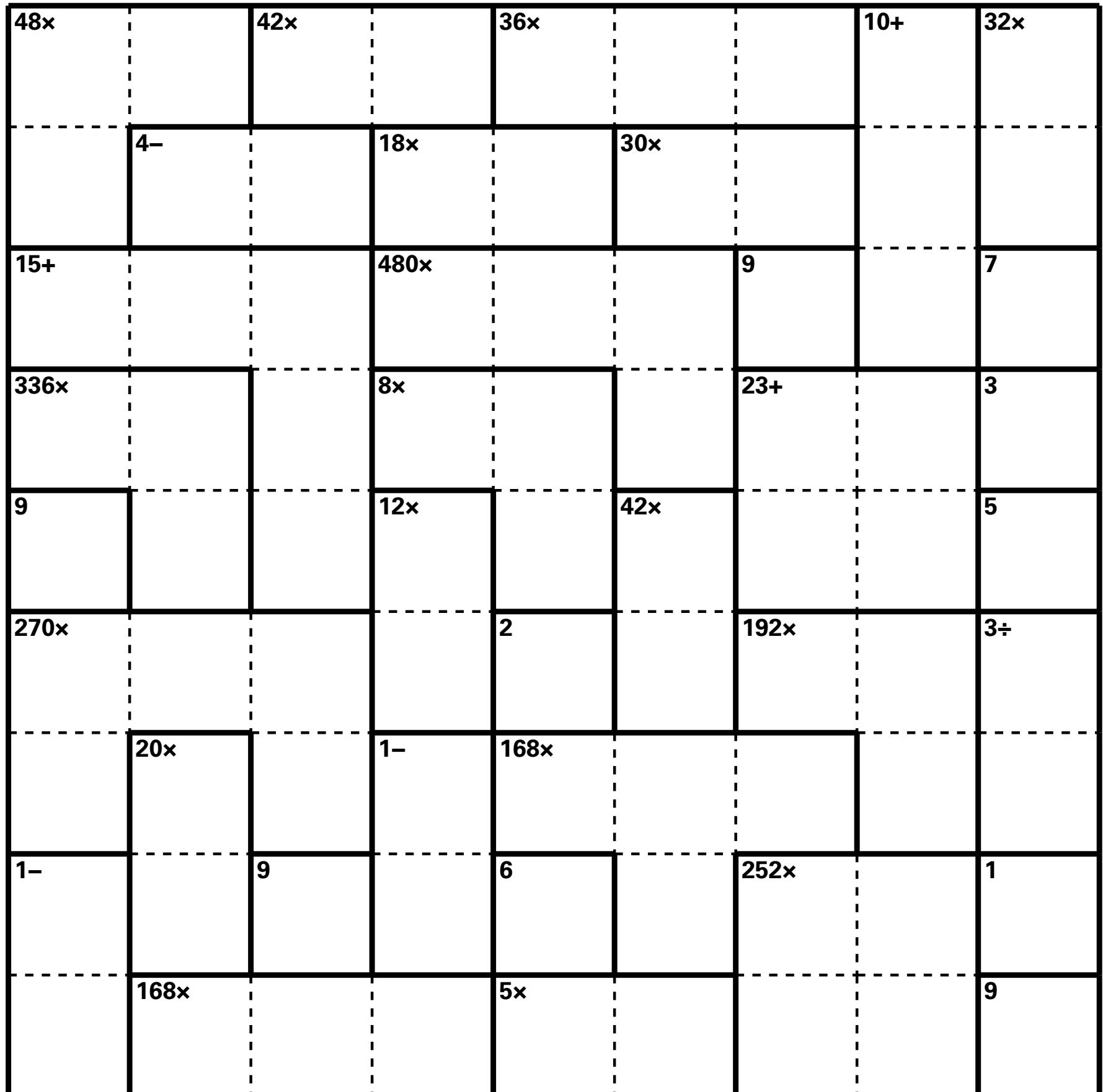
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The End of PNR

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–9. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Thanks Allot

by Fred Piscop

Solution, page 12

ACROSS

- 1 Tendencies
- 6 Cozy inn, for short
- 11 Empty space
- 14 In the know
- 15 Martini garnish
- 16 Roth plan, briefly
- 17 Ice-cream parlor order
- 19 Wine, in France
- 20 Glossy paints
- 21 Annoying one
- 22 Eagle's nail
- 24 Goes to a lot of trouble
- 26 Settle up in advance
- 30 Spain's peninsula
- 32 Volcanic flow
- 33 From Israel or India
- 34 Beaver's handiwork
- 37 Investor's cost calculation
- 41 Japanese money
- 42 Danger
- 43 Person from London
- 44 Walk softly
- 46 Fern leaves
- 48 Daredevil's feats
- 50 Hard to find
- 52 Furniture wood

53 Update the décor

58 Night sch. class

59 Significant difference

63 100%

64 Mexican money

65 Puts in the bank

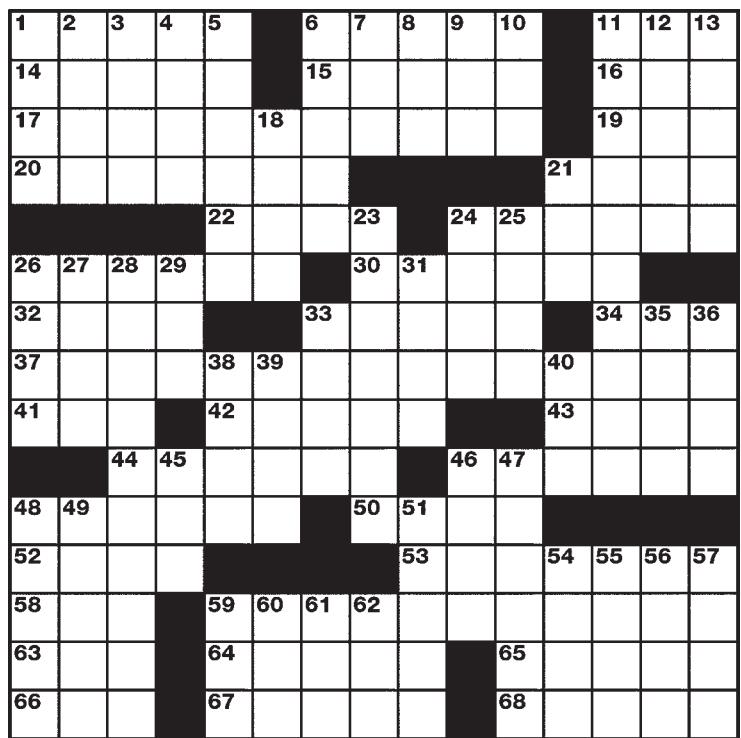
66 Could possibly

67 Try for a job

68 Italics feature

DOWN

- 1 Baseball great Ruth
- 2 McGregor of Star Wars movies
- 3 Granny
- 4 Disney World shuttle
- 5 New York lake
- 6 __ nova (Brazilian dance)
- 7 Yodeler's perch
- 8 Zilch
- 9 506, to Caesar
- 10 Play the horses
- 11 Cares
- 12 Crop up
- 13 Jeans and khakis
- 18 Friend in battle
- 21 Tire-pressure meas.
- 23 Thinner, as clouds
- 24 Phobia
- 25 Caterer's coffeepots
- 26 Stage production
- 27 Four-star review
- 28 Sooner or later
- 29 Golf course standard
- 31 Actress Jessica
- 33 Prefix for dynamic
- 35 Dry as a desert
- 36 2015 World Series team
- 38 Datebook entry: Abbr.
- 39 Comprehends
- 40 New Sesame Street channel
- 45 Cartoonist's liquid
- 46 Astaire or Flintstone
- 47 Neglecting one's duties
- 48 Fulton's power source
- 49 Electric car company
- 51 Pretentious
- 54 Locket shape
- 55 Prima donna
- 56 Biblical paradise
- 57 " __ we forget!"



59 Dean's List fig.

60 Good name, briefly

61 Medium's claim

62 "You've got mail" service

Four of a “Kind” by Gail Grabowski

Solution, page 12

ACROSS

- 1 Bartlett or Bosc
 - 5 Be introduced to
 - 9 24-hr. cash devices
 - 13 Outer boundary
 - 14 __ sense (ESP)
 - 15 Poker token
 - 16 Coral ridge
 - 17 Getting chilled, as
champagne
 - 18 Voice-mail signal
 - 19 Kind and considerate
 - 21 Safe and __ (out of danger)
 - 22 Cook in a barbecue
 - 23 Performed in a choir
 - 24 Cavalry swords
 - 27 Single or home run
 - 30 Made an attempt
 - 31 Butcher's weighing
machine
 - 33 Prefix meaning "three"
 - 34 Oil-drilling equipment
 - 35 Tire in the trunk
 - 36 "So __, so good"
 - 37 Fireplace residue
 - 38 Rains cats and dogs
 - 39 Fry lightly

41 1:00 a.m. or 2:00 a.m.

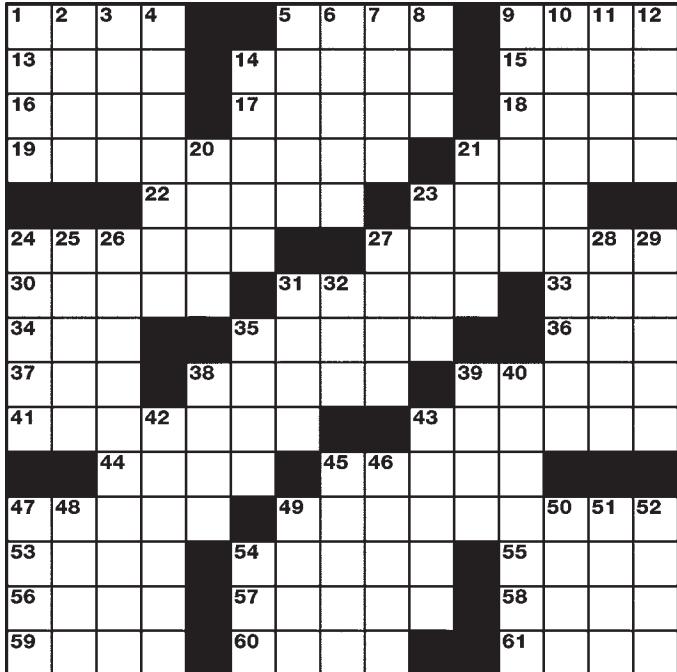
- 43 In ringlets, as hair
44 Senior citizens group
45 "___ it?" (door-knock reply)
47 Lowest in quality
49 Kind and considerate
53 ___ and crafts
54 Biological duplicate
55 Cape Canaveral org.
56 Fishing-line holder
57 Verse writers
58 Throat-clearing sound
59 Pie à la ___
60 Calculates a total
61 Entice

DOWN

1 Where Lima is capital
2 Adam and Eve's home
3 Matures, as wine
4 Basketball arbiter
5 Short skirts
6 Live and breathe
7 Engrave with acid
8 Start of many book titles
9 Start of a stage play
10 Kind and considerate

11 St. Paul's state: Abbr.

- 12 Drove too fast
 - 14 Living-room seatings
 - 20 British nobleman
 - 21 Manuscript enclosure
 - Abbr.
 - 23 Reduced-price event
 - 24 Scarecrow filling
 - 25 Stand up
 - 26 Kind and considerate
 - 27 Cakes of soap
 - 28 Angry
 - 29 Ready for a rest
 - 31 Urge on
 - 32 Coupe or sedan
 - 35 Minestrone, for
 example
 - 38 Harbor town
 - 39 Men's business attire
 - 40 Weapons warehouse
 - 42 Big inconvenience
 - 43 Centers of apples
 - 45 Wined and dined
 - 46 Searches (for)
 - 47 Slightly hot
 - 48 Three-tier cookie
 - 49 Clumsy person



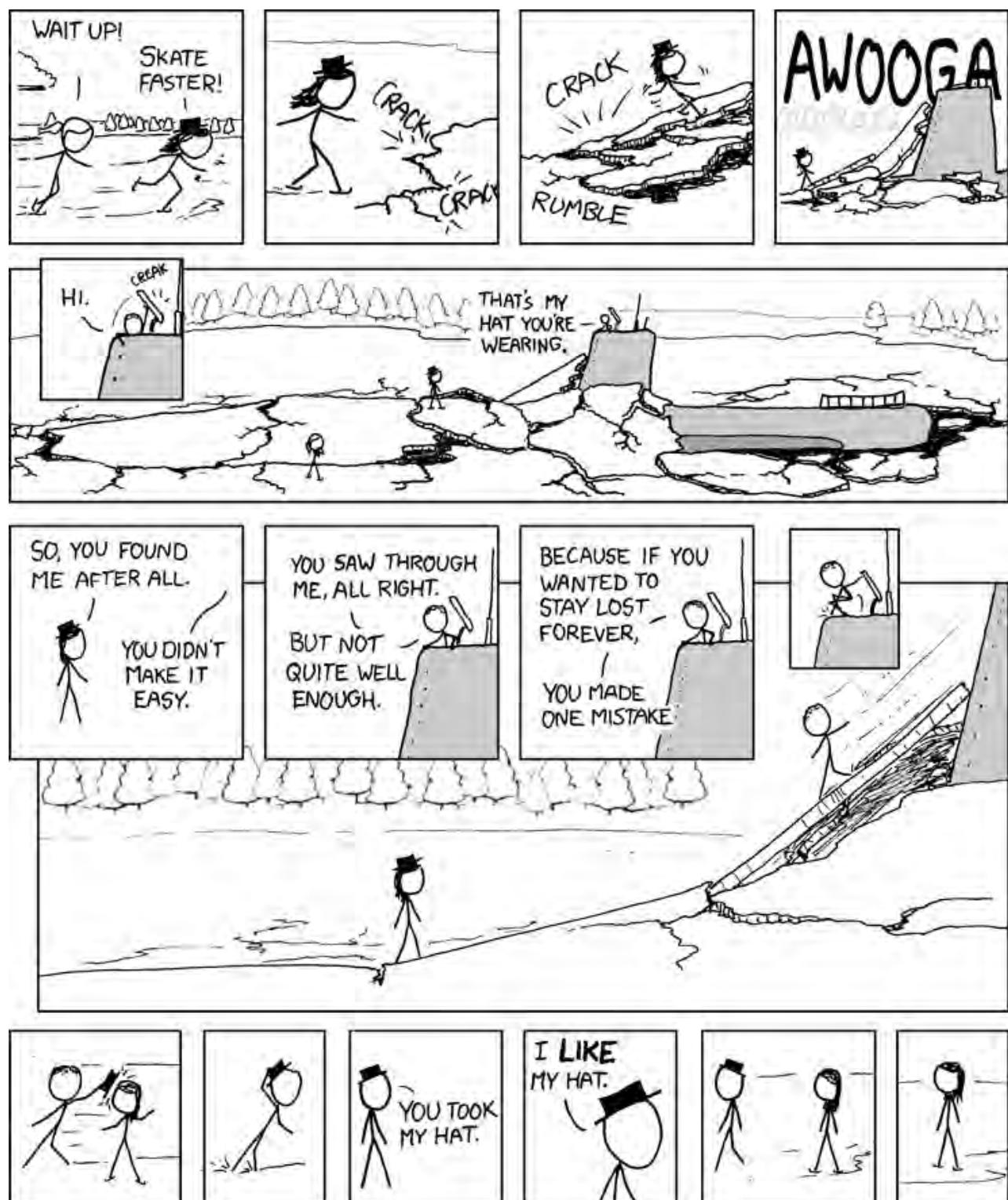
50 Where Honolulu is

51 Computer buyer

52 Identical

54 IRS form pro

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Robertson '20, successful football rookie, says team brotherhood and making work fun are key

By Ahaan Rungta

SPORTS STAFF

MIT Football played two games in the month of November. They earned a win against Curry College 26-21, and took a tough double-overtime 36-35 loss to Nichols College. The Engineers rode on an offensive outburst from running back John Robertson '20, who ran for a total of 328 yards with six touchdowns in his two November games. He closed out his stellar rookie season by recording four consecutive games in which he rushed for at least 100 yards. He ended the season with a total of 920 yards and 11 touchdowns, earned the NEFC Offensive Rookie of the Week honors twice, NEFC Offensive Player of the Week honors once, and was one of the seven Engineers to make an appearance on an NEFC All-Conference Team as MIT Football finished the season with a 3-7 overall record.

We spoke with November Player of the Month, Robertson, a Course 2 prospective, about his success as a rookie and what being an Engineer means to him.

The Tech: Congratulations on your immense success as a rookie! We know that balancing your life between varsity sports and an MIT academic life can be challenging, especially as a freshman. What is something you have learned through the process that you plan to take out of your time at MIT?

John Robertson: Making work fun – one of the strangest yet coolest things I have seen thus far at MIT is how the majority of the student body handles the academic demands of the Institute. Namely, have fun doing your work. Get together with friends and have a good time while still

being productive. Tackling my first semester with that attitude has made it fly by.

The Tech: What makes MIT a special team to play on? Is there anything besides just “playing the game” that you can attribute your season success to?

Robertson: The brotherhood is what makes MIT football special. All of the freezing practices, late night work-outs, balancing the academic workload – we're all in it together. Playing not for yourself but for the brother beside you – that's when we play our best, and that's when it becomes more than a game. As a result, a bond is formed that exists beyond the field. That bond makes MIT football truly special.

Fun fact: I didn't actually want to come to MIT at first. I was really not a fan of the city, cold, and most importantly leaving my friends and family in Nashville, but the Lord had other plans. He opened the door and told me to come, so here I am. Been blessed with the greatest community here at MIT ever since. I attribute all my football success to Him.

The Tech: Tell us something about the team we probably don't know or maybe that even you didn't imagine when coming in as a freshman as a rookie. Has anything shocked you about college football?

Robertson: I could've never imagined how hard the players work. It doesn't show in the statistics at the end of the game, but the amount of responsibility and obligation the players juggle is crazy. And what's more - nobody complains. Players will go to class all day, work on problem sets up until practice, go run around and hit someone for two hours, then come back and take a two hour physics test like it's nothing. Throughout the season I couldn't help but constantly admire the seniors on the team. I'm

juggling a lot and all I have to do is pass. They have every obligation of which you can think vying for their time, yet they always come in smiling, ready to get to work on the field and have a good time in the process.

The Tech: Along with football, you were also a two-time second team all-district center fielder in baseball for your high school. Why football?

Robertson: I do miss baseball quite a bit, but I think football just has that something about it. It's a constant adrenaline rush every time you step inside the lines. You give up your body for the name on the front of the jersey. For your teammates. There's not a better feeling in the world than being dead tired after a win with your brothers, and for me, that feeling is a lot harder to come by in baseball.

The Tech: Do you have an inspiration? Is there someone you look up to – in your every day life, in football, or in academics?

Robertson: I really look up to Hugh Freeze, head football coach for the Ole Miss Rebels. How he carries himself, coaches the game, and most importantly lives out his faith in Jesus are all characteristics I strive to imitate.

SPORTS BLITZ

Men's basketball (3-2) defeated UMass Boston 84-61. Samuel Bockman '19 led the Engineers with 23 points and 6 assists.

Women's basketball (4-1) overpowered Emerson 75-40. Cindy Si '20 led the team with 19 points and 6 assists.

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